



Open Space Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

Meeting Minutes

Present: David Morgan, Kelly Lynema, Ann LeRoyer, Krista Moravec (Horsley Witten), Brian McBride, Emily Nink, David White, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Eliza Hatch, Wendy Richter

1. Welcome

Ann LeRoyer recognized the new committee members and staff present: Brian McBride and Eliza Hatch for the committee, David Morgan for Arlington's Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent

2. Review and approve 10/28/21 meeting minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of 10/28/21 and they were approved by all members present. Eliza Hatch abstained because it was her first meeting.

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 update

Krista Moravec from Horsley Witten reviewed plans and materials for the second Community Forum on Wednesday, December 8. The committee discussed the structure of the public meeting, which included a large group presentation and small breakout rooms, each to discuss one of the Open Space Recreation Plan goals.

The committee reviewed versions of Analysis of Needs and Goals and Objectives and chose to narrow the materials to include only goals (striking objectives) and add an overarching theme to each. Krista agreed to circulate an updated document after further wordsmithing.

a. Review other materials and ideas for Plan updates

Text edits and other changes to draft Sections 2-5 and 7 will require committee review. Krista will circulate the drafts and members will reply to Ann with their suggestions. Wendy inquired about edits to maps, including confusing colors on

GIS layers, and Krista agreed to circulate those for review as well.

The committee agreed to continue regular updates to OSC website, Facebook, etc., including Dec 8 public forum via Zoom. Wendy will post to Facebook. Kelly will ensure all Town website content is current and accurate. Broader advertising of the December 8th event will begin November 29th.

4. CPA Projects

- a. Contracted work is still underway at Arlington Reservoir and Wellington Park.
- b. Public Lands Management study RFP is forthcoming pending staff review.
- c. The committee reviewed proposed CPA projects for FY2023 with the understanding that all had been invited to move forward with applications. The committee noted applications pertaining to Cooke's Hollow, Mt. Gilboa, Spy Pond playground, and Robbin's Park playground as particularly relevant to their work. Emily noted that, in addition to CPA funds, the ARPA framework includes \$4 million for open space and recreation.

5. 40B comprehensive permit applications

- a. ZBA public hearings on Thorndike Place (Mugar) closed; decision due in November.

6. Other news

- a. Note that December 8 public meeting will begin at 7PM

7. Adjourn

2021 Meeting Dates: December 8 for Community Forum, December 9

2022 Meeting Dates (4th Thursday except Nov and Dec) January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8